FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Tseng Saria			2. Date of Ever Requiring State (Month/Day/Ye	ement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR]						
(Last) (First) (Middle)			12/17/2004		4. Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) VP and General Commonstrated to the commons of the common of the comm		10% Owner Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
C/O MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC. 983 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, BUILDING A (Street) LOS GATOS CA 95032									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				I .		Amount of Securities 3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 5)		t (D)	(D) (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit			4. Conve or		5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Exerci Price d Deriva Securi	of itive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Stock Option (right to buy)		10/15/2005 ⁽¹⁾	10/15/2014	1	Common Stock	150,000	8		D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. 50,000 of the shares subject to the option shall vest on 10/15/05; the remaining 100,000 shares subject to the option shall vest as to 1/24 of such shares each month thereafter.

<u>/s/ Saria Tseng</u> <u>12/27/2004</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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